

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

HCE

SECRET #51456Z FEB 69 CITY ☐ ☐ 5205 ☐ ACTING
DIRECTOR ☐ INFO ☐
CANT ☐
REF ☐ 9237

1. REF ☐ LAST GERMANS HAVE REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT
HANDOVER OF MEHRE AND GROSSE FROM 30 JAN TO 4 FEB. "TECHNICAL"
PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH DELIVERY TO WEST GERMANS OF PERSONS IN
EAST GERMAN CUSTODY CITED AS REASON.

2. NOW APPEARS THAT MEHRE/GROSSE DEAL INVOLVED EXCHANGE
AGAINST TOTAL OF FOUR PERSONS HELD BY EAST GERMANS. ONE OF WHOM
IS CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR GEROLD MEER. EAST GERMANS HAVE
ADVANCED PAYMENT OF TWO UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS, POSSIBLY THE
UNMARRIED FEMALES, IN LATE DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY.

TRANSACTION WILL BE CLOSED OUT WHEN MEHRE AND GROSSE ARE TURNED
OVER IN EXCHANGE FOR MEER AND REMAINING PERSON, POSSIBLY
CREATED, LAD.

3. ☐ WHO ENGINEERED MEHRE/GROSSE RELEASE WITH
WESTERN MINISTRY ON CASH BASIS, AND UNDER PRESSURE TO KEEP
DISCOVERED EXCHANGE CHANNEL OPEN, WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF EAST
GERMAN REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF EXCHANGE DATE. ☐ ☐

3

DeWey

PAGE 2 C [] 9283 E E C R A T

ALSO EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT PROPERITY OF EXCHANGING
CONVICTED WARMS AGAINST POLITICAL PRISONERS SUCH AS WERN.

5. HAS [] BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM MENDI'S ALLEGED
THIS STAFF STATUS

6. FILE: 38W-3-38/28.

SECRET

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

ACE
3

3